



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

MINUTES

Civic Arts Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

6:00 PM

No physical location; meeting held exclusively through videoconference and teleconference.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:02 PM

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Anno (arrived at 6:15 pm), Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Hilary Annah, Grants Program Lead; Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer; Zoë Taleporos, Public Art Program Lead.

Members of the public in attendance: 6

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (for items not on the agenda)

2 speakers

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **July 27, 2022 Draft Minutes.**

Action: M/S/C (Dhesi/Anno) to approve the July 27, 2022 Minutes.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — Bullwinkel; Absent — None.

b) **August 20, 2022 Draft Minutes.**

Action: M/S/C (Blecher/Bullwinkel) to approve the August 20, 2022 Minutes.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a) Bay Area arts scene – Grassroots art scene is becoming more compelling than the art presented at large institutions. Encouraged opportunities for collaboration.

6. **PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

- a) **Toverii Tuppa ("Finnish Hall") Arts Space going to Tax Auction, presented by Bryce Nesbitt** — No action taken.

Public Comment: 5 speakers

- b) **Recap and discussion of Civic Arts Commission retreat, presented by Jennifer Lovvorn** — No action taken.

- c) **Discuss role of Chairs relative to action items and possible "Consent Calendar" by Subcommittee, presented by Jennifer Lovvorn** — No action taken.

- d) **Mural Design by Rachel Wolfe-Goldsmith for James Kenney Recreation Center, presented by Jennifer Lovvorn and Rachel Wolfe-Goldsmith**

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Blecher) to approve the mural design by Rachel Wolfe-Goldsmith for James Kenney Recreation Center.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

e) **Mildred Howard sculpture budget increase, presented by Zoë Taleporos**

Action: M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to approve a budget increase of \$144,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$354,000 for the Mildred Howard sculpture commission.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

f) **Commissioner representatives on Civic Center Vision Committee** — No action taken.

Public Comment: 1

7. STAFF REPORT

a) Jennifer Lovvorn provided Civic Arts Program updates.

b) Hilary Amnah provided Grants Program updates.

c) Zoë Taleporos provided Public Art Program updates.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Grants — Grant subcommittee met on September 2, 2022 to review the FY24 grant guidelines and policies; upcoming meeting on September 30.

- Dana Blecher, Chair
- Liz Ozol
- Cameron Woo

b) Policy — Chair Anno reported on Bayer Committee participation.

- Kim Anno, Chair
- Lisa Bullwinkel
- Modesto Covarrubias

c) Public Art — No report.

- Matt Passmore, Chair
- Kim Anno

- Dana Blecher
 - Riti Dhesi
- d) Representative on Berkeley Cultural Trust — New leadership for BCT.
- Lisa Bullwinkel
- e) Representative on Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee (BAESC) — Information about California Proposition 28 for funding arts and music education.
- Liz Ozol
- f) Representative on Design Review Committee — Design Review Committee discussed the use of bird-safe glass.
- Cameron Woo
- g) Representative on Ad-Hoc Artists Affordable Housing Committee — No report.
- Kim Anno

9. COMMUNICATION

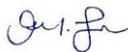
- a) Marketplace story “Programs pilot guaranteed income for artists”
- b) Carole Marasovic email regarding HUD affordable housing categories
- c) Rafael Jesús González email regarding poet laureate position

10. ADJOURNMENT Adjourn 8:04 pm

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Dhesi) to adjourn.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

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